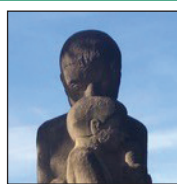




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## Byrd Elected and Sworn In As New Mayor of Greenbelt

by Gary Childs

Colin Byrd was elected and sworn in as mayor of Greenbelt by the newly elected city councilmembers at their Monday, November 11 meeting. The city charter specifies that at its first meeting following a regular election, the council will choose one of its members as mayor. The mayor presides at council meetings and is recognized as the head of the city government, according to the charter, for all “ceremonial purposes, by the courts for serving civil purposes, and by the governor of the state for purposes of military law.” Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County designee, LaShawn Freeman, administered the oath of office.



Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County designee, LaShawn Freeman, administers the oath of office to incoming Mayor, Colin Byrd. Also pictured are Byrd’s parents, Calvin and Jacqueline Byrd and holding the Bible his grandmother, Vinie Miller.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

## Co-op Reports \$164k FY19 Loss, Discusses Causes, Proposes Fixes

by Grace Kathleen Todd

Saturday, November 9, saw the Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Supermarket and Pharmacy, more colloquially known as the Co-op. Over 200 members attended, several times the usual number. Co-op has been in the news this year with its solar roof program and more recently, and less happily, with a significant loss for its financial year that ended on July 31.

The store reported a net income loss of \$164,169 over its Fiscal Year 2019 – over three times the loss of \$38,000 reported for 2018.

“FY19 was a bad year,” said Bill Jones, the vice chair of the Co-op board of directors. “It actually proved to be the most difficult of the 35 years that I’ve been here.”

The loss meant that there were no patronage refunds or employee bonuses or additions to retirement plans over the year, though staff did get a wage increase.

Treasurer Joe Timer pointed to a few reasons for this loss: lower total revenue due to fierce grocery market competition, higher insurance processing fees for the pharmacy and the cost of operating credit card machines.

Total annual revenue in FY19 was just over \$11.8 million, which Timer says, “is the first time in 12 years we’ve been below the \$12 million revenue line.”

Of the five departments that constitute total sales for Co-op, four showed revenue losses – pharmacy, grocery, meat and produce. The beer and wine department, however, showed a slight

increase of less than half a percent. Pharmacy had the biggest drop, with a 5.5 percent decrease in sales.

The big hit to the Co-op’s pharmacy department was a recent change from Caremark, its insurance processor that is associated with CVS. Caremark increased its fee from \$1,000 a month to \$5,000 a month in the past year.

“There’s actually some federal

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## County Public Schools Show Record Enrollment, Up 4,000

by Aneurin Canham-Clyne

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Enrollment at schools throughout Prince George’s County is increasing, including at schools like Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) that are over their official capacity. According to a press release put out by the Prince George’s County Public Schools, enrollment throughout the county increased by 4,000

students, to an estimated 136,600 students.

The Prince George’s County Public School Board met on Tuesday, November 12, to discuss changes that, along with the increased enrollment announced by the county, are sure to impact public schools in Greenbelt. The proposed boundary changes discussed at that meeting would send students from Paint Branch Elementary to Greenbelt Middle and enroll students from the Greenbelt Station area in Greenbelt Elementary and ERHS.

According to Principal Reginald McNeill, ERHS has an official capacity of around 2,100 students. According to statistics available online through the Maryland State Department of Education, in the 2019-2020 school year an estimated 2,649

students were enrolled at ERHS. Enrollment at ERHS has increased steadily over the last few years, rising by over 100 students since 2015, which is the first year shown in the state’s online demographic report, available at [reportcard.mdse.maryland.gov](http://reportcard.mdse.maryland.gov).

The same demographic reports show that Greenbelt Middle has about 1,360 students enrolled, an increase of about 196 students since 2015. Greenbelt Elementary enrollment has stayed relatively constant, increasing to 623 in 2019 from 600 in 2015. Dora Kennedy, a French Immersion school that takes students from surrounding towns, has seen its enrollment increase from 610 to 673 over the same period of time. The Springhill Lake student

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Greenbelt resident Rhema Bjorkland observes Mercury transiting the sun while Kevin Balch, a member of the astronomy club, looks on. See story, page 13.

PHOTO BY GARY CHILDS

### What Goes On

**Monday, November 18  
8 p.m.** City Council Work-session, Ground Floor East, Municipal Building Library



# Letters to the Editor

## Opioid Crisis Here Too

I attended a memorial service at the American Legion on October 25. It was given for a woman I'd known for a number of years. She lived here in Greenbelt, right near town center. She was a popular young grandmother who had worked in at least three of the restaurants in Greenbelt over the years.

The service turned out to be a dual memorial. Her cousin had died a couple of weeks earlier, also of an overdose. I did not know her, but the hall was crowded and together they left many distraught family and friends.

A few months ago, a popular, gentle young man, Danny Abebe, also died of a drug overdose. He was our Greenbelt neighbor, friend to many, and also had worked for local businesses. He was well liked and is missed by those who knew him.

These deaths and others like them are tragedies that did not have to happen.

Greenbelt was built to be a utopian community. Eleanor Roosevelt called it "the first garden community in the land built for the uplift of the human spirit."

One essential element for a community trying to become more utopian features the residents working together for the good of all.

The Utopia Film Festival this weekend features two Maryland films that demonstrate how their communities are working together to solve these important social problems.

One is from Frostburg, entitled *Medicine in the Mind*. The other, from Maryland's Eastern Shore, is entitled *The American Opioid Crisis: Talbot Goes Purple*.

Talbot County has launched a public awareness campaign to help with what they consider a public health crisis, opioid addiction. The community comes together to help those suffering and to prevent those at risk from going down that path in the first place.

Their sheriff is quoted as saying "education is the key." If we work together, if we help one person to avoid this fate, we will have achieved something truly worthwhile.

Greenbelt needs to go purple.

Frank Gervasi

## THANKS

I want to thank the 600 folks who may have intentionally voted for this challenge to incumbent council. My frustration is not so much that the challenger was not elected, but that all incumbents were reelected.

It has been more than 50 years since I first read the words of a really great American: "If there is no struggle, there can be no progress." (He is doing really well, by the way.) I know how hard it can be to overcome one's level of comfort with the status quo, but I will continue to believe each of us must make the effort to do so if we want to advance our species and sustain life on our planet.

Those who voted this time, and again, to maintain the status quo, I thank as well, at least for voting; less than 13 percent of us did so. We should, I believe, as a community consider how to significantly increase our participation in our election (and at council too!). Council could initiate this discussion and should do so sooner than later.

Also we all may want a better understanding of the role Greenbelt's Board of Elections plays in the actual count, facilitated, of early and absentee ballots.

In two years, if I'm still alive, and not in the can, likely I will again challenge incumbent council. I am fairly certain they will have provided ample reason to do so. It should not be I alone, many and many more should do so as well.

Thanks again, now, and I hope in the future.

Bill Orleans

## Thanks All Around

I would like to take this time to recognize and thank everyone who voted in the city council election. And, I want to thank those who supported me. I am honored to have your trust.

I also want to thank the Greenbelt News Review for being such a terrific forum to share views and issues. Through the News Review I was able to explain my views and share concerns.

During the campaign, I appreciated meeting and talking with many citizens and hearing your thoughts and concerns. As a

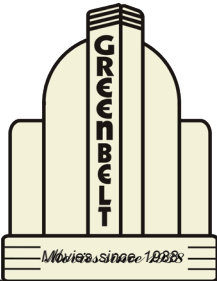
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Mon. 5:30 PM  
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**The Pop-Up**  
PARASITE  
(Korean w/ English subtitles)  
(R)(2019)(132 mins)  
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THE RENOVATIONS ARE GREAT, BUT  
I MISS THE POP-UP THEATER.

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## On Screen

## Pain and Glory (Dolor y Gloria)

In Pain and Glory, the latest film by acclaimed Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar, a film director in his physical decline reflects on the choices he's made in life as past and present come crashing down around him. The movie tells of a series of encounters, some of them in the flesh, others remembered: his childhood in the 1960s, when he emigrated with his parents to a village in Valencia in search of prosperity, the first desire, his first adult love in the Madrid of the '80s, the pain of the breakup of that love while it was still alive and intense, writing as the only therapy to forget the unforgettable, the early discovery of cinema and the void that creates the incapacity to keep on making films. Starring Antonio Banderas and Penelope Cruz. "Almodóvar shows us that, even after nearly two dozen features over several decades, he can still hold an audience in his hand – and surprise it." Moira MacDonald, Seattle Times.

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- Sandy Rodgers



# Community Events

## Reel and Meal Features Film on Mindfulness

On Monday, November 18 the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will feature The Medicine in the Mind and two short films, How a Song Saved a Species and Indian Gold. The evening begins with an optional plant-based buffet at 6:30 p.m. and the screening starts at 7 p.m. It is being done in partnership with the Utopia Film Festival.

The Medicine in the Mind follows an Appalachian medical student who in 2015 traveled to the Himalayan Mountains to meet with Tibetan refugees. Inspired by their ability to manage personal trauma, she pursued training in mindfulness meditation. Back home, when the opioid crisis hit her hometown, she discovered a pioneering program seeking to combat addiction through the medicine in the mind. The program will include discussion with the film's producer.

Reel and Meal, a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, is organized by Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking, Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. This month's program is planned by Utopia Film Festival.

For more about the films or Utopia Film Festival contact Frank Gervasi at 301-467-2418 or frankrgervasi@gmail.com. You can also visit utopiafilmfestival.org or visit the New Deal Café calendar at newdealcafe.com/events/ReelAndMeal.

## Dinner and Auction Funds Local Charities

On Saturday, November 16 Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ will hold a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Fall Celebration to support local charities Greenbelt Emergency Fund and Meals on Wheels.

The dinner will start at 5 p.m. A spaghetti dinner with salad and dessert is available for a specified donation. Children age 5 and under eat free. As a special surprise, a number of local musicians and church members will perform during the dinner. Participants can obtain numbers at the door to bid on valuable goods and services. The auction is expected to begin around 7 p.m.

Plan on catching a great meal, doing a little holiday shopping and helping GCC continue to fund local charities during the fall and winter months when the needs are greater.



## MakerSpace Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative is on Saturday, November 16 at 11 a.m. in the upstairs room at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. All are welcome. The agenda includes reports on current activities, future activities, proposed changes to the bylaws and election of board positions. Send additional agenda items to board@make125.org.

## Greenbelt Library

Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will be installing new shelving and carpeting to improve the customer experience at the Greenbelt Library. In order to ensure a speedy and safe improvement process, PGCMLS will be temporarily closing the branch from Monday, November 25, 2019 through Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

During this period, the library hopes customers will visit nearby branches, such as those in New Carrollton and Beltsville, for their various library needs. Please be advised that Passport Acceptance Service will also be suspended during the closure, so applicants should consider visiting the New Carrollton Branch Library for this service. Online catalog access and all eLibrary resources will remain available to library customers outside the branch via the internet without interruption. The book drop will remain accessible for returning items during the closure.

In addition, the Greenbelt Library has temporarily stopped accepting donations for the Novel Endings bookstore until the branch reopens. Donations may continue to be dropped off any time into the Discover Books receptacle outside the lower level (parking lot) entrance.

Currently, patrons are unable to directly request any items to be held for pickup at the Library through the online catalog. The library is transferring various items to other branches so they may remain available for use while the branch is closed. Patrons with an immediate need to pick up items at Greenbelt that may be requested from other branches in the county should contact branch staff who will determine on a case-by-case basis if it is feasible for an item to be delivered there. New InterLibrary Loan (ILL) requests may no longer be processed for pickup at the Library until it reopens.

## Utopia Film Festival November 16 and 17

The Utopia Film Festival has a schedule of all the films that will be screened at this year's festival, November 16 and 17. Check it out at utopiafilmfestival.org. Prices for tickets and weekend passes are available on the website.

This year's festival will feature films about adoption, conservation, immigration, race relations, health issues (such as the opioid crisis, Parkinson's and toxins in our body), community unity, LGBTQ, artists and their vision, new technology and more.

Nine films are local productions, either from D.C. or Maryland. Filmmakers representing 16 films will be attending and available for Q&A.

## November Art Share

Local artists are invited to meet up on Friday, November 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. This event is for teens and adults. Bring one to three pieces in any medium and join in a constructive and informal discussion of everyone's work.

## Time Bank Celebrates The Season Nov. 24

Members of the Greenbelt Time Bank will hold a holiday gathering on Sunday, November 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 202. Attendees are invited to bring a favorite holiday treat to share. Drinks, cups and napkins will be provided; bring personal eating utensils and a plate.

The members hope to share with each other not just holiday cheer, but also hope for how the time bank can better use everyone's talents for the good of the community. After a brief ice breaker activity, the group will brainstorm thoughts, hopes and dreams for the time bank.

RSVPs are not required, but are greatly helpful in planning. For more information, contact greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Linda Warren Seely at 731-217-8013.

## GVFD Hosts Indoor Yard Sale on Nov 23

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting an Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come on down to see what treasures friends and neighbors are selling at bargain prices. Refreshments will be available for sale. Rain or shine, come join the fun. The firehouse and sale are handicapped accessible. There are still tables available to rent. (See classified ad, page 14.)

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, November 16 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Saturn, now low in the western sky, and deep sky objects (nebulae, star clusters and galaxies) currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. Visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of November 18 are as follows:

Monday, November 18: Swedish meatballs, whole-grain herbed penne, sliced carrots, whole-wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Tuesday, November 19: potato crusted fish, macaroni and cheese, herbed green beans, dinner roll, tartar sauce, sliced peaches, orange juice

Wednesday, November 20: honey BBQ chicken leg, baked beans, cabbage, whole-wheat bread, tropical fruit, apple juice

Thursday, November 21: beef ziti bake, kale, hot spiced fruit, Italian bread, fruit punch

Friday, November 22: minestrone soup, sliced turkey with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, biscuit, pineapple tidbits, apple juice.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

## Overstock Jewelry Sale at Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, located at 10 Ridge Road, is having an Overstock Jewelry Sale on Sunday, November 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a large selection of jewelry in every price range; all jewelry will be discounted 10 percent off the final purchase price. There will be a jewelry repair station for minor repairs.

## Gobble Wobble

Spend Thanksgiving morning with Greenbelt Recreation as they host their 14th Gobble Wobble 5k-race (roughly two laps). There will be an additional one lap fun run/walk around the lake path. The event will start at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Thursday, November 28 at 9 a.m. Registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. For more information and to register visit: greenbeltmd.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/2231/

## Writers Group To Meet Nov. 15

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested writers are invited to attend. This week the group will discuss plans for a possible holiday party instead of the December meeting. Open readings will be held. Come and bring something to read or just join in the conversation. The group has recently obtained a supply of many of the anthologies that have been produced by the group over the years. These will be available for purchase at the meeting.

More Community Events  
are located throughout  
the paper.



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### Program Schedule

Friday Nov 15 - Thursday Nov 21

7 am	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia Film Festival Previews Continue thru SUN Nov 17
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: Jack Benny Buck Benny Rides Again (1940)
11 am	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel Utopia Film Festival Previews Continue thru SUN Nov 17
1 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
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November 29 – December 15 - The Phantom Tollbooth  
December 12-22 – The Chromatics





Condolences to:

- family and friends of Martha Fenn who died on November 3. A visitation open to all will be held on Tuesday, November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Borgwardt's Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, November 20 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Mill Catholic Church. After mass there will be a potluck lunch.
- family and friends of Dr. Larry Schmid who died on November 4.
- family and friends of Ann Corsetti who died on November 9.
- family and friends of Marjorie Hope Markowich who died on November 12. She was an original Greenbelt resident and raised her family at 10-N Southway. She then lived at Green Ridge House for over 30 years. She was also a member of St. Hugh's Church. She was 100 years old this past September 25.
- the friends and family of Betty Lehman, former Greenbelt resident and Recreation Department employee, who died on October 29 at age 91.

Congratulations to Truong Quoc Tran, who received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Kansas.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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# Obituaries

## Dr. Lawrence Schmid



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Lawrence Schmid

Greenbelt resident Dr. Lawrence A. Schmid, a doctor of theoretical physics, died on November 4, 2019, at the age of 91. He was born in Philadelphia to Walter and Mildred (Lawrence) Schmid and was the third of four children. Dr. Schmid graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and went on to earn his doctorate at Princeton University. He taught at Michigan State for a short time before joining NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). Dr. Schmid was awarded a citation of recognition by the GSFC director for his contribution to the Apollo Lunar Landing in 1969. He was also involved with many other space flight missions.

During his time at GSFC, Dr. Schmid (Larry to many of his friends and some family members) met and married Ursula, the love of his life. She was origi-

nally from Berlin, Germany. They settled in Greenbelt where they resided until her death in 2008.

Dr. Schmid was meticulous and detailed in all his activities, both professionally and personally. He mastered French and Russian early in his career to be able to read professional physics and mathematical documents. After he married Ursula, he also became fluent in German. Together they traveled extensively throughout Europe, especially visiting family in Germany and Austria.

Until his late 80s, Dr. Schmid continued to do research to facilitate power generation using nuclear fusion.

Dr. Schmid's passion for education (especially in the physics discipline) led him to establish a scholarship/mentoring program at the University of Maryland to provide jobs for juniors and seniors in the physics program to tutor incoming freshmen. He believed this mentoring activity would provide students a better understanding of the discipline while keeping them fully engaged in the study of physics. His legacy will also establish the same type of programs at Penn and Princeton.

Dr. Schmid was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Ursula (Hollwig) Schmid, his two sisters, Edith Beck and Marjorie Schmid, and his brother Alan Schmid. He is survived by 11 nieces and nephews for whom his influence, wonderful sense

of humor and limitless wealth of information have been a lifelong experience.

A memorial service will be held January 11, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. A luncheon will follow the service.

## Betty Lehman

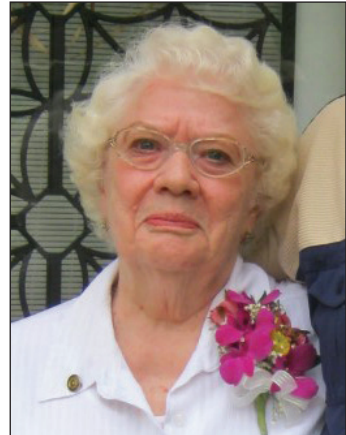


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Betty Lehman

On October 29, 2019, Betty Rush Lehman died at Timber Ridge Assisted Living in Eureka, Calif., after a long battle with dementia. She was 91 years old.

Betty was born March 30, 1928, in Edmonston, Md. After graduating from Hyattsville High School, she took a secretarial position with the National Geographic Society. She spent over 62 years with her beloved

husband David who died in December, 2012.

She and David moved to Greenbelt in 1953. They raised two sons, David Jr. (Dee), and James (Jay) who died suddenly in September, 2017. After getting the boys established in school, Betty began her illustrious career with the Greenbelt Recreation Department and in 2011 she was honored for her many years of service and dedication with her induction into the Department's Hall of Fame.

After retiring, she enjoyed volunteering as a docent, bookkeeper and guide with the Greenbelt Museum. She and David travelled extensively in their retirement years.

In the sunset of their lives, they had the courage to understand that they needed help, even though it meant moving away from their beloved home and community. It took time, but in the end they established a second home at Timber Ridge, Eureka. There, they enjoyed the company of their eldest and his wife, sightseeing and reminiscing. She is survived by Dee and his wife, Kate.

Her ashes will be scattered along with her husband's in the Pacific Ocean near Eureka. In lieu of sending flowers, interested individuals can donate to a favorite charity.

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**Teen Advisory Board**  
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**English Conversation**  
Tuesday, November 19: 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

**Weekly Storytimes**  
Tuesday, November 19: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people.  
Wednesday, November 20: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people.  
Thursday, November 21: ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. No advance registration available.

**Book Discussion**  
Tuesday, November 19: 7 p.m. This month we will discuss the graphic memoir Can’t We Talk about Something More Pleasant? by Roz Chast.

**African American History**  
Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m. From Jamestown to Freedom: 1619-2019 will be the final session of the Fall 2019 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. No registration required.

**Kids Achieve Club**  
Thursday, November 21: 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes en los grados de 1 al 6. Service will be provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; call the branch to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.

**French Conversation**  
Thursday, November 21: 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. No registration required.

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# Letters continued

councilmember, I aim to do my best for all Greenbelt citizens. I promise to work hard, listen attentively, consider all issues thoughtfully and thoroughly and always act in the best interests of the city.

My campaign theme is Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt and Expanding the Possibilities. That spirit is the spirit of working together, the spirit of cooperation. Together council, citizens and staff work to make Greenbelt a better community and I am committed to doing my part.

*Leta Mach*

## Thank You!

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election held November 5. I am deeply honored that the citizens of Greenbelt have returned me once again to the city council. My gratitude also goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked so hard on my behalf, especially those who have supported me for over 26 years. I pledge to do my very best to serve all the citizens of Greenbelt with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I congratulate all those elected to council and look forward to working with them in meeting the challenges our city will certainly face in the next two years. I remain, as always, Committed to Community.

*J Davis*

## Points to Consider

The move had already been decided long before Greenbelters heard about it. According to press releases, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) considered three sites and selected the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) sometime last year with minimal citizen notice or input.

In fact, the sole public mention of the BEP relocation prior to the October 28 Greenbelt City Council meeting can be found in the announcement for the June 22, 2019, annual meeting of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation.

The main agenda item (in 18-point type) was: "Hear about the Beltway Plaza Concept Plan from Kap Kapastin of Quantum Companies and Rogers Consulting." The BEP move was listed in small type as: "Listen to Charles Davis of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing talk about Currency Production Plant on BARC."

Yes, the relocation will bring jobs, but not to Greenbelt. Greenbelt is not a fuzzy, vague "area" like Silver Spring. Greenbelt is a city that has a legal boundary and BARC is not within that boundary. In addition, BEP does not mention new hires in any of its press releases.

So far, no one has seen a site plan for the 100-acre BEP relocation. A 100-acre parcel is a mile and a half square. That's a big chunk of property. What are the boundaries?

Also, consider that BEP will require security at a level equal to or above the security level we see at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade. Will this mean restricted private car travel on Powder Mill Road? A 12-foot chain-link fence surrounding the facility? Guard towers? Plant

security lights on at all times? Police cars with flashing lights at nearby intersections?

The General Services Administration requires that any federal agency relocation in the Washington, D.C., region must be close to public transit. Hence the IRS office move from downtown D.C. to New Carrollton. The BEP BARC location is a transit desert.

Finally, there's traffic. Neither Powder Mill nor Edmonston/Kenilworth roads has the capacity to handle 18-wheelers bringing materials in and transporting finished currency out. (Trucks are not permitted on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.) Why hasn't rail transport been considered?

Calling parts of BARC "unused" is like calling a national park unused. The time is past for measuring nature by its utility to us humans.

*Greg Johnson*

## Beware Phone Scam

I recently noticed in the Police Blotter in the News Review that someone complained that legal action against them was threatened based on a phone call that they received. The person receiving the call knew it was completely bogus.

A friend told me that she received a similar phone message and knew it was bogus.

I want to notify you that I received the following phone message from Texas today [Wednesday, November 6].

"The legal enforcement actions filed on your name and social security number are involved in a crime. This is in reference to suspend your existing social security number on an immediate basis. So call us back at your earliest possible on our number before we begin with legal proceedings that is 210-686-2498. I repeat 210-686-2498."

I know that message is also completely bogus. Since many people read the News Review, please print this letter to notify people to be very careful to erase these kinds of messages that have no validity.

I believe our neighborhood is being attacked because we have people who might take this seriously.

*Mary Ernsberger*



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Mayor Colin Byrd poses with his family after the swearing-in ceremony. From left, Doug Byrd, Jeanette Webster, Diane Ivey, Calvin Byrd, Byrd, Vinie Miller and Jacqueline Byrd.

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## City Notes

Animal Control removed a possum from a deck and captured a cat and a dog, returning them to owners. One hamster was adopted. Seven hamsters, 10 kittens and two dogs are now sheltered.

Street Maintenance/Special Details removed all campaign signs and positioned speed sensors on Laurel Hill Road.

Refuse/Recycling collected 28.94 tons of refuse and 12.82 tons of recyclable material.

The Winter 2020 Activity Guide is available. Registration begins on November 25 for residents and December 2 for non-residents.

The Youth Center opened on Wednesday due to the Prince George's County Public School students' early release.

The Springhill Lake Rec Center gym closed for a week for floor refinishing.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center holiday food drive continues until November 25.

Arts Staff supported the sold-out Empty Bowls fundraiser on November 3. Greenbelt Pottery Group and the Greenbelt Community Church, respectively, made and filled over 350 soup bowls, raising about \$5,000 for Help-by-Phone food pantry.

Artist-in-residence Rachel Cross led a sold-out Community Art Drop-in workshop on found-object mosaics.

Senior Nutrition served 89 hot meals in the week ending November 8.

Greenbelt CARES's Liz Park and Darren Stephenson attended the State Advisory Group for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention.

I want to express my gratitude to the residents of Greenbelt for, once again, placing their trust in me and the other members of City Council.

It's an honor to serve. I pledge to continue to work hard to make decisions in the best interest of the city.

I would like to congratulate each of my fellow council members on their re-election and thank them for selecting me to serve as "Mayor Pro-tem" of this great city.

And congratulations to Mr. Byrd on his election as our new Mayor.

I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve, and I look forward to the next two years of carrying out the business of the City.

## Thank you!



## Emmett V. Jordan

### Greenbelt City Council

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By Authority of Peggy Higgins, Treasurer



# Foundation Gathering Enjoys Program by Grant Recipients

by India Afriyie



ERHS music students participate in the Greenbelt Community Foundation Showcase. From left, Adrienne Fantasia (piano), Monique Watson (flute), Korin Murray (flute), Kira Blandford (guitar) and Gabriela Holzer (vocals).

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) hosted a showcase of the projects and programs they fund on Sunday afternoon, October 27 at the American Legion. The event was filled with entertainment from the programs benefited by the GCF. The GCF strives to help fund projects originating in Greenbelt and to spread culture, art and environmental knowledge to the area.

The event began with a performance from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School music program. Students sang and played the guitar and piano. Kevin Hawk, head of the fine arts department at ERHS, spoke about how the GCF supported the school’s music program: “They helped purchase new pianos and about six or seven new guitars.” He added, “especially at a time when we didn’t have enough instruments for our students, the foundation created opportunities for the students and the department to grow.”

Friends of Greenbelt Theater (FGT) presented a short film from their GCF-funded Let’s Make A Movie workshop. FGT is a nonprofit group that manages the operations of the Old

Greenbelt Theatre. Their goal is to grow the film culture of Prince George’s County. The GCF’s funding has helped the theater create new projects and run efficiently.

Julie Winters presented for the Friends of New Deal Café Arts. FONDCA provides funding for art at the café and supports art throughout the community. “The Greenbelt Community Foundation provided a grant to us for new artist receptions this year,” she said. “And we were able to add an additional artist show and to purchase some hardware for hanging additional art.” The GCF’s grant helped substantially with the growth of the café.

The alight dance theater introduced two dancers, Eleni Grove and Katherine Lipuma, who performed for the audience and showcased the great work that the GCF helped fund.

Since 2006 the GCF has funded dozens of community projects and nonprofits in hopes of growing Greenbelt’s community culture. Those who would like to donate and help their cause can go to [greenbeltfoundation.org/donate/](http://greenbeltfoundation.org/donate/).

## UMD Offers Free Concerts this Week

The Flute Studio Recital will be held on Saturday, November 16 at 2 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. The Flute Studio performs the works of Handel, Bach, Georges Enesco, Zhou Long, Carl Reinecke and more.

The Fall Choral Collage, including the University Chorale, UMD Men’s chorus and UMD Treble choir will take place on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice.

The Left Bank Quartet will give a concert on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice.

A concert of New Music at Maryland will take place on Wednesday, November 20 at 8 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. Featuring original compositions by student composers, new music concerts range from solo to chamber works and even include electroacoustic performances.



## Utopia Film Festival Team Nominates Four Top Docs

The Utopia Film Festival is happening in Old Greenbelt this weekend November 16 and 17. An all-access festival pass for \$20 gives a choice of over 40 different films to watch. A ticket for a two-hour block is \$7. The Festival Committee has nominated four films in the best documentary category; some have already won awards at other film festivals.

### Doctor C.

A documentary about a physician who in the 1970s fought for a hospital in a predominantly African American area of southern Maryland.

### Found in Korea

A Korean adoptee travels back to Korea for the first time in 35 years.

### The American Opioid Crisis: Talbot Goes Purple

When the opioid crisis hit Easton, Md., the community rallied to fight the impact under galvanizing leadership of Sheriff Joe Gamble and Lucie Hughes of the Tidewater Rotary.

### Victory Swim

The goal of a 65-mile swim across Lake Okanagan in British Columbia, Canada, is to raise funds and awareness for Parkinson’s after a swimmer’s aunt is diagnosed with the disease.

Visit [utopiafilmfestival.org](http://utopiafilmfestival.org) for the full festival schedule, to view trailers and to buy advance tickets.

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system. But the greatest features are the coordinated new dark red seats, floor and wall coverings – they make the auditorium as elegant as the front concession area and lobby.

Executive Director of the FGT, Caitlin McGrath, started the evening with a warm welcome. McGrath announced that the theme of the night was “community,” in celebration of being back in the theater. McGrath commented, “our goal was to update this auditorium to the same modernized and historical charm of the rest of the theater.” This goal was achieved. The new auditorium had crisp sound and modern visuals.

Mayor Emmett Jordan spoke to the crowd about his delight in the new theater. “This building has always been more than a movie theater,” Jordan said. “Looking back six or seven years ago the journey began when council selected FGT to operate the theater.” Since FGT took over operations, they have been making many new experiences for movie-goers, such as Monday matinees for seniors, family film series and free movies on snow days.

The evening was filled with entertainment. The Greenbelt Dance Studio brought out dancers to perform Sing, Sing, Sing, a dance number choreography by Angella Foster. Maeve Ballantine, Chris Cherry and Aidan Larkin performed a musical medley from 1939 and for the last music number the audience joined in for a sing-along to the Wizard of Oz.

There was a video that recounted the rich history of the theater. There were also interviews of Greenbelt residents that had moved in at the start of the city and an employee of the theater that had been there for years. Both film vignettes highlighted the beauty and importance of the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

The event was catered by local vendors including the D.C. Vegan at the New Deal Café and Cedars of Lebanon.



Executive Director Caitlin McGrath celebrates at the Renovation Reception at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Saturday night.

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Members of the Greenbelt Dance Studio jump for joy at the reception.

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**On Tuesday, November 19, a business meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. at 7600 Hanover Pkwy., Greenbelt Md., 20770, in the Terrace Room, to discuss in confidence an effort by property owners along the proposed maglev path to submit comments and concerns on the impending draft environmental impact statement. Maps and info at <https://bwmaglev.info>. Maglev project reps, agents, supporters are not invited and will be denied entry. If you might wish to support this effort, arrive prepared to make money contributions of any size. A discussion will be prepared to describe the efforts being made and accountability for contributions. Due to personal time limitations, the organizer will have limited ability to respond to questions prior to November 19, but will be prepared to fully discuss concerns with all who arrive at the meeting. Questions may be directed to Greg Simmons, a Greenbelt resident, at 301-641-2362.**

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# Veterans Day Ceremony 2019 Emphasizes Gratitude to Vets

by Amy Hansen

Elected officials from the city, county and state, along with the leadership of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 led the Veterans Day Observance at Roosevelt Center on Monday, November 11, 2019. The message repeated throughout the ceremony was thank you, thank you, thank you.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, who sat on the platform along with most of the councilmembers including Mayor-elect Colin Byrd, began by thanking the audience for their service and asking all veterans to stand. Jordan then asked veterans to raise their hands if they served in World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm or Afghanistan. Most of hands raised were from the Korean and Vietnam eras. Jordan again thanked the gathered veteran community, including their families.

The sentiment of gratitude continued with short speeches from County Councilmember Todd Turner, State Senator Paul Pinsky and State Delegate Anne Healey. Each, in turn, thanked those who had served the United

States in uniform for their service.

American Legion Commander Greg Gigliotti gave the concluding remarks by describing service members who were exceptional in their bravery and selflessness. He also held up the importance of

the American Legion, explaining how it works as a home for all veterans of all races and genders. “Service,” he said. “Doesn’t end when the uniform comes off.”

The ceremony closed with the placing of the wreaths, a single gun shot and taps.



The Veterans Day wreaths are presented by, from left, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Mayor-elect Colin Byrd, Greenbelt Chief of Police Rick Bowers, Post 136 Auxiliary Member Rosalie Jones and Post 136 SAL Chaplain Robert Snyder.

- Photos by Bernie Zempolich



Greenbelters attend the service in celebration of Veterans Day on November 11 at Roosevelt Center.

## Rag Out! Dance Show Offered

On Saturday, November 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. there will be a free evening of belly dance at the Old Parish House in College Park. The theme is Assassins, Brigands and Cutthroats: A Compendium of Diabolical Dance.



## NAMI Support Group Meets

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will hold support groups for parents supporting adolescents and children with behavioral and emotional conditions on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive, and again on Tuesday, November 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Bowie Library Conference Room at 15301 Hall Road.

## Shakespeare at UMD

A Midsummer Night’s Dream will be presented by the Maryland Shakespeare Players at 7 p.m. on both November 14 and 15 in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice. For their fall 2019 production, the Maryland Shakespeare Players present A Midsummer Night’s Dream. William Shakespeare’s timeless tale of love is transported into a quintessential time for the cheesy romantic comedy: the 1980s.

# Springhill Lake Students See Fort McHenry Historical Site

by Kevin Barry



Springhill Lake Elementary School fourth graders participate in a flag raising ceremony at the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Site.

- Photos courtesy of the National Park Service



Wednesday, October 23 was a great day spent at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Site with the fourth graders of Springhill Lake Elementary School. The Greenbelt Park rangers arranged the Every Kid Outdoors field trip for the students. They participated in a flag raising ceremonial program in the fort. Each student received an Every

Kid Outdoors pass for free unlimited entrances for them and their families to visit National Parks through the summer of 2020.

The National Park Foundation provided the grant that helped pay for transportation to the fort.

Kevin Barry is a park ranger and volunteer coordinator at Greenbelt Park.



Fall leaves at Buddy Attick Park

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legislation pending, indicating whether or not this is a legitimate expense,” Timer said. “Right now, we don’t have too many choices on that. There aren’t too many other service providers of that process.”

The Co-op also owes a fee to processors for its credit card transactions, amounting to 2.5 to 3 percent on each credit card sale. There is a small flat fee for debit cards.

Despite its difficulties, Co-op is moving forward with its Rays on the Roof Solar Array Project, which will replace the supermarket’s roof and install solar panels on it. Jones describes the project as “a very good investment.”

“The solar panels should produce about \$60,000 in savings each year,” Jones said. “We will use most of that for the 12 years to pay off the state loan and to pay the interest on the loans from members and still return something like \$20,000 a year to the store to help offset operating expenses. And after the loan is paid off, there would be about \$60,000 a year for a total of 25 years or more.”

The roofing portion of the project could start next week, and will take around six weeks to complete. The solar project is set to begin in mid-to-late January and is anticipated to take two months.

As it looks forward, Co-op has plans to address the year’s loss. Store hours will be extended by the end of the year, with a 7 a.m. opening time from Monday through Saturday and a possible extension of Sunday hours. There are plans to debut a new online ordering program in January, called Mercado. “This new food shopping program will offer customers the chance to order their groceries from an extensive online catalog from the comfort of (their) own home.” Mercado will initially open with a pick-up option only but hopes to expand to a home delivery system soon after initiation.

Co-op has also formed a committee called Co-op 2.0, which



Steve Skolnik, manager of the Solar Panel Project, updates the audience.

will consider various options to bring new shoppers to the store and tempt current shoppers to spend more of their grocery budget there. Dorrie Bates briefed the meeting on Co-op 2.0 and its initial survey of the Co-op customers’ demographics and shopping habits. She noted that the committee’s watchword is “We’re Right Here,” reminding local shoppers of the ease of access and neighborhood feel of the store. This slogan embodies the main results of the survey that location was the most important factor for shopping at Co-op, closely followed by its neighborhood feel, it is a small business, it is a cooperative and offers friendly service.

Meeting attendees offered up many suggestions for moving forward from the loss, including charging a credit card convenience fee, encouraging patrons to donate a small amount to the Co-op upon each purchase, relying more on off-brand products and encouraging others to patronize the store (e.g. increasing the store’s visibility to non-residents who come to the Roosevelt Center for other reasons).

The Co-op unanimously elected two new members to the board at the meeting: Amy Drew, who owns a technology company, and Kim Kash, a realtor and real estate investor who founded the Greenbelt Farmers Market.



Michael Hartman offers suggestions to the board.



Ingrid Hass reports on the 2019 Jim Cassels Community Service Award.

- Photos by Bryan Bruns



Black squirrel at Schrom Hills Park

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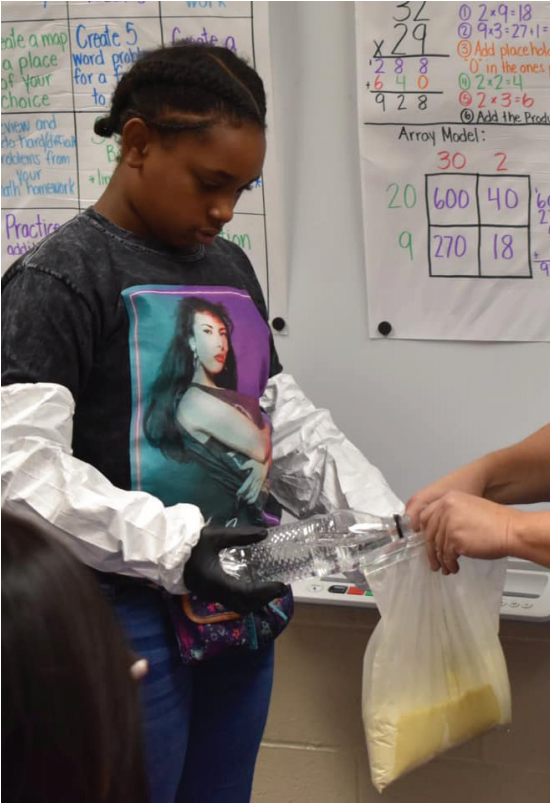
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# Greenbelt Elementary: Police at School Career Day



- Photos courtesy of Greenbelt Police

The Greenbelt Police visit Greenbelt Elementary School on November 8 for Career Day. The students learn about casting impression evidence.



## GES Receives Arts Grant



Ingrid Cowan Hass sings a song with kindergartners about an apple tree. The song begins with the planting of the seed, then rain, sunshine, the growth of the tiny tree, and finally the harvest and eating of apples.

- Photos by Ole Hass



Students from Mr. Bell's Kindergarten class at Greenbelt Elementary School paint apple trees as part of an arts integration project conducted by Beech Tree Puppets, which included three visits to each of the four kindergarten classes (about 120 students). Reading, writing, language and fine-motor skills are exercised with the use of puppetry, music and visual arts. The project enhances the students' science unit, "The Life Cycle of Plants and Trees - How do plants grow" and the students' study of "The Five Senses". The project is funded by a grant from the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council.

## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

- Assault**  
November 6, 12:21 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man was assaulted by a group of juveniles after they demanded candy from him. They punched him and threw him to the ground before they fled. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.
- Theft**  
November 1, 9 a.m., 9 Court Ridge Road. A Specialized red bicycle was taken from an open garage.  
November 1, 10:30 a.m., 11 Court Southway. A black-and-gray mountain bike and a black-and-blue BMX-style bike were taken from the fenced yard of a residence.
- Fraud**  
November 6, 4 p.m., 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive. A man received a call from someone who claimed to be with the Internal Revenue Service, who told the man he owed back taxes. He then purchased gift cards in the amount the caller demanded and gave the caller the information over the phone. It was later discovered that this was a scam.
- Burglary**  
November 1, 7:35 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. When a
- Vandalism**  
October 31, 4:30 p.m., Greentree Place. Four outdoor patio chairs were cut up.
- Vehicle Crime**  
Rear tags were taken from two vehicles, Maryland 3EA3286 from the 6500 block Lake Park Drive and Maryland 4AM5697 from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.  
A backpack was taken from the trunk of a vehicle in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace that was possibly left open. The backpack was recovered but a set of Air Pods and personal documents are missing. An iPad was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.  
Hand tools were taken from two work vans in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.  
A brick was used to break out the rear windshield of a vehicle in the 9200 block Edmonston Road.

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# Greenbelters and Neighbors Observe Transit of Mercury

by Gary Childs

Greenbelters and guests had their eyes on a cosmic event on Monday, November 11. From 7:36 a.m. to 1:04 p.m. the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt observed a transit of Mercury at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Interested people from Greenbelt and surrounding communities dropped by to safely watch the event.

A transit of Mercury across the sun occurs when Mercury's solar orbit brings it between Earth and the sun so that the planet's silhouette appears as a black dot against the bright yellow face of the sun. This movement of Mercury is visible only about 13 or 14 times per century. Transits of Mercury across the sun usually take place in November or May. The first documented transit of Mercury was on November 7, 1631. The last one occurred May 9, 2016, and the next one is due November 13, 2032. However, that one will not

be visible in the U.S. The next opportunity to view a transit of Mercury from the Greenbelt observatory will be in May of 2049.

A transit of Mercury is not visible with the naked eye, since Mercury is relatively small and the sun is very bright, and to attempt to view the transit using improperly or unfiltered telescopes would cause blindness. The Astronomical Society invited members of the public to safely view the transit, using special solar-filtered telescopes. Images from the observatory telescope scope were captured every 15 minutes or so and broadcast on a monitor in the observatory. Several other participants set up their own properly filtered equipment and invited others to view the celestial event.

The entirety of the transit, which nearly crossed the center of the Sun, was visible from Greenbelt.



Astronomy Club members and others gather early in the morning at the Greenbelt Observatory to view Mercury's transit across the face of the sun.

- Photos by Gary Childs



Joel Miller and Ronald Bjorkland look on as Scott Boardsen, a Greenbelt resident, watches through a telescope.



The black dot is the silhouette of Mercury transiting across the face of the sun.



# Greenbelt Middle School Hosts College Park Band Practices

by Fatemeh Paryavi

Students from different schools came together Wednesday evening, October 23, to play their band instruments together while Darelynn Fung conducted their practice at the Greenbelt Middle School.

The College Park Youth Band (CPYB), a program independent from the school, was created and led by Sarah Winston and Fung in October of 2018 to help students in grades 5 through 8 get more practice in band regardless of the school they attend.



PHOTO BY FATEMEH PARYAVI

Youth band members rehearse at Greenbelt Middle School on Wednesday, October 23, for their upcoming concert.

Winston, who is currently a music teacher at Vansville and Hollywood Elementary Schools, said that the program helps students from different schools to come together and practice, regardless of going to public school, private school or being homeschooled.

"We have kids from Greenbelt, we have kids that are homeschooled, we have kids from Thomas Pullen (which is the arts academy for middle school), we have kids at CMIT, so we have quite a few from all different locations – and MLK too," said Winston.

Winston said that they had been trying to start it for years but when she went to a school board meeting, things finally started coming together. And since Fung and Winston had gone to college together and had known each other for years, Fung said that she wanted to be involved as well, which eventually led to their co-founding of the program.

Though the program's rehearsal space is in Greenbelt Middle School, it does not have any connection to Prince George's County Public Schools. The program is under an umbrella organization, College Park Youth Orchestra, which has a board of which the CPYB is a part.

Greenbelter Nelson Gibson said that his 12-year-old son Oscar has been a CPYB member

since its initiation. Oscar, who plays the trumpet, goes to College Park Academy, which does not have a music program. Though he takes lessons, Gibson stated that the CPYB program is "terrific because it's an outlet outside of school."

Lorena Garcia said that her 11-year-old son, Santiago, who is a member of CPYB, goes to Thomas Pullen Academy of Arts in Lanham. She said that he has been playing the clarinet for three years and is doing advanced band at his school. She urged more people to join the program.

"It's a great opportunity for kids who are really interested in music to have an additional learning venue and also gives kids an opportunity to make great friends," Garcia added.

Jennifer Kresge who lives in Beltsville said her 10-year-old son, Jason, who is a fifth grader and a member of the CPYB, goes to Vansville Elementary, and started playing the percussion last year at his school. Kresge said that her son is in the music program at his school. However, the program does not include students playing together. Currently, she said that Jason is getting

used to conducting and is enjoying the CPYB program.

"I like it. He's more interested in practicing, he looks forward to coming every week, he's meeting new people, he seems to be having fun with it, and it's just good practice for him," she added.

Winston mentioned that half of the students that were a part of the program last year had never been a part of a band program before and did not know how to follow a conductor. She continued that all kids, with the exception of one, stayed from last year's program in addition to three more who joined the program this year. Currently, there are 15 total participants and Winston urged students to join in January to prepare for the band's concert in March.

The group meets once a week on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and the program's website is [cpae.org/arts/course/college-park-youth-band/](http://cpae.org/arts/course/college-park-youth-band/).





The US Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) announced in the *Federal Register* on November 15, 2019 its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential impacts associated with the proposal to develop and operate a Replacement Currency Production Facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) in Prince George's County, Maryland. BEP currently operates two such facilities, one in Washington, DC and another in Fort Worth, Texas. The Washington, DC facility is more than 100 years old, limiting BEP's ability to modernize its production operations. The proposed action would address the space, functional, and security deficiencies associated with BEP's aging DC facility. The action would reduce BEP's operational footprint regionally, and result in more efficient currency production.

The *Federal Register* announcement initiates the start of the 30-day public involvement and scoping process, during which BEP is seeking your input. Your participation will assist BEP in identifying issues/concerns associated with the proposed action, defining the scope of analysis for the EIS, and identifying reasonable alternatives and potential mitigation actions. You may provide written comments to the address below during the 30-day scoping process.

BEP is also holding a public scoping meeting and invites your participation. This meeting will start with an introductory presentation followed by an open house. BEP representatives, displays, and informational material will be available at the meeting on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the **BARC Building 003 Auditorium** located at **10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705.**

Please submit written comments or questions about the proposed action to:

**ATTN. Mr. Harvey Johnson**  
US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District  
Programs and Project Management Division  
2 Hopkins Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201 or  
[BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil](mailto:BEP-EIS@usace.army.mil)

Although BEP will accept comments throughout this planning process, scoping comments must be postmarked no later than **December 15, 2019** to be considered as input to the Draft EIS. Additional information about the proposal and process is available online at <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/home/bep-replacement-project/>.



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Sports

ERHS Girls Soccer Squad Loses Season's Hard-Fought Final Game

by Patrick Gleason



The Raiders pose after their 5-2 regional championship victory over the Bowie Bulldogs. Bottom row: Grace Zack, Leah Booker, Gloria Rodriguez, Sarai DeSouza, Louisa Ellison, Isabela Martins, Sophie Swart, Abigail Aderinwale. Top Row from left, Astrid Mendoza, Corina Miko, Bill Swart, Bamlack Terine, Mya Miller, Nicole Miko, Mia Benitez, Stephanie Ijomor (behind), Zion Albright, Zosia Nicholson, Madison Endres, Azinwi McKinney, Haley Zack, Angela Bruce, Aliza Khan, Daniel Robotham, Julia Beckmann, Patrick Gleason, Ian Gleason, Bob Sowers, Ariana Phillips.

For the first quarter of their state quarterfinal matchup, played on Friday, November 1, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders looked poised to reverse the result of last season's state semi-final loss to the Perry Hall Gators. Twelve minutes into the contest, senior midfielder Corina Miko blasted a rebound into the back of the net after a Roosevelt counterattack slipped past an overly aggressive Gator backline. However, the Gators equalized a few minutes later on a counterattack of their own; the game looked set to remain tied at half until Perry Hall cleared a Raider corner kick and once again countered, scoring at

the 33-minute mark of the first half. Still, the Raiders looked poised to mount a comeback, motivated by last season's loss to the eventual state champion. Though the Gators maintained possession for much of the second half, senior centerback Louisa Ellison coupled with classmate Haley Zack to thwart several scoring chances, while sophomore keeper Isabela Martins stood tall in goal, despite increased pressure from Perry Hall. However, the Raiders eventually conceded a header off a corner kick and the Gators capped the evening's scoring at 4-1 with a free kick

goal taken from just outside the 18-yard box. Perry Hall has since advanced to the state finals versus Severna Park, after a 1-0 victory over Montgomery Blair. The Raiders will graduate 11 seniors including leading goal scorer Madison Endres, four-year letter winner Zosia Nicholson and Zion Albright, a captain for the last two seasons after captaining the junior varsity her first two seasons. After improving upon last season's final result, the Raiders will aim to reload, strengthened by a freshman class with four varsity players.

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2 br townhome w front laundry/office addition. Opened kitchen w/passthru & pantry. Fenced backyard with large deck.

One Acre Lot

Potential for up to 4 separate dwellings. Brick 2-story rambler with 3brs. Basement has been professionally waterproofed. \$399,900

Greenbelt Condominium

Remodeled 2 br condo with modern kitchen & extra cabinets. Enclosed patio for year-round use. Remodeled ceramic-tiled bath.

Investment Opportunity

3-Story townhome w/ finished basement, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Remodeled kit. & more. Priced to sell at \$119,900.

SOLD

Brick Townhome

2 Bedroom GHI townhome remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen with s/s dishwasher. Hardwood both levels. \$169,900

Coming Soon

2 Bedroom, 2 Greenbelt Condominium. New carpeting and laminate flooring. Owners looking for cash buyers at \$129,900. Great Value!

Three bedroom townhome

Recently remodeled w/ new windows, doors, baseboards, new flooring, cabinets, counters & more. Just \$129,900

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Your Greenbelt Specialists

In Roosevelt Center



Seeking a Better World Through Film



Saturday Nov. 16th - Sunday Nov. 17th

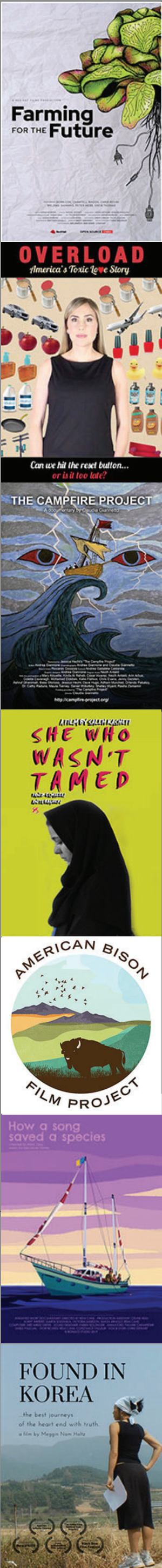
Now in its 15th year, Utopia will offer more than 45 films from across the nation, around the world and by local filmmakers

For full schedule, trailers and ticket info visit-

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**The American Opioid Crisis-Talbot Goes Purple**  
When the opioid crisis hit Easton, MD, the community rallied to fight back.

**Robert Johnson: Making a Legend**  
A 1930's bluesman went from obscure traveling performer to blues icon in the half-century following his death.

**Found in Korea**  
A Korean adoptee travels back to Korea for the first time in 35 years in search of her roots.

**iRony**  
This film explores the relationship between man and technology as told from the perspective of a phone.

**Doctor C.**  
The story of a physician who in the 1970's fought for a hospital in a predominately African-American area of Southern MD.



THE NEW DEAL CAFE

Reel and Meal Special Showing Monday, Nov. 18, 7:30  
*The Medicine in The Mind - How a Song Saved a Species* and *Indian Gold*

Program blocks \$7  
Weekend Pass \$20, good for any and all Utopia programs.

**Kids Animation Program**  
Films by artist/ animator George Kochell's animation students.  
Sat. Nov 16th, 11-12 noon  
The Arts Center



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Saturday, Nov. 16

Arts Center	
11am	Free coffee and Refreshments Free Kids Program Mr. Geo Animation 21m How a Song Saved a Species 2m The Adventures of Zack and Molly 11m
12-2 pm	Indian Gold 5m Running Past 5m American National 15m The Campfire Project 59m
2-4 pm	How a Song Saved a Species 2m Jacob's Gauntlet 2m The Quiet 10m Overload: America's Toxic Love Story 71m
4-6 pm	Robert Johnson: Making a Legend 28m Twisp: The Power of Community 40m
6-7:30 pm	To New Beginnings 20m The Tides That Bind 23m Four Points 33m
7:30-9:30 pm	The Quiet 10m Joe and Denise 9m Bishop 17m Unarmed Man 72m

Sunday, Nov. 17

Old Greenbelt Theatre	
12-2 pm	How a Song Saved a Species 2m Together we will Bring the Shad Fish Back 8m The Shearer 16m The Last Herd 22m Conservation Kids 27m
2-4 pm	The Quiet 10m The Tyranny of Distance 10m Doctor C. 66m
4-6 pm	Medicine in the Mind 40m American Opioid Crisis: Talbot Goes Purple 43m

Arts Center	
11am-12:30	Save LGBT in Russia 4m She Who Wasn't Tamed 15m Lola 23m
12:30-2 pm	iRony 8m The Quiet 10m Azadeh 10m Mum's Hairpins 20m
2-4 pm	Tele-phone 16m Tales of Belair at Bowie 80m
4-6 pm	#Kneeltoheal 3m Race Anonymous 13m Robert Johnson: Making a Legend 28m Four Points 33m



**Venues Include**  
**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
129 Centerway, Greenbelt MD  
**GREENBELT ARTS CENTER**  
123 Centerway, Greenbelt MD